(e) whether Government propose to replace conventional trains by these EMU trains in other parts of country in future; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Diesel hauled Push-Pull services have been introduced on Delhi-Meerut-Saharanpur and Delhi-Ghaziabad-Moradabad sections w.e.f. 1-3-95 to the following timings:

1NDS			2NDS	308 Pass.			1 MD
1850	d. Delhi	a.	0845	0920	d. Delhi	a.	1840
2345	a. Saharanpur	d.	0415	1340	a. Moradabad	d.	1415

These services consist of 10 coaches (all ordinary second class).

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. There is|will be reduction in the journey time ranging from 35 minutes to one hour twenty minutes.

The approximate cost of converting one conventional rake to push-pull rake of 10 coaches is Rs. 60 lakhs.

(e) and (f) During 1995-96 it is proposed to deploy Main Line Electric Multiple Units|Diesel Multiple Units|Diesel Push Pull rakes to replace conventional trains on the following sectors:

Main Line Electric Multiple Units.

(1) Dhanbad-Gaya

(2) Gaya-Mughal Sarai

(3) Tatanagar-Kharagpur

(4) Adra-Asansol

(5) Raipur Area

(6) Mathura-Agra-Tundla/ Bayana

(7) Surat-Valsad

(8) Surat-Vadodara

(9) Vadodara-Ahmedabad

(10) Madras-Salem

Diesel Multiple Units|Diesel Push Pull rakes:

(1) Bhagalpur-Barharwa-Katwa

(2) Adra-Kharagpur

(3) Fazilka-Bathinda

(4) Fazilka-Ferozpur

(5) Pune-Daund-Baramati

(6) Indore-Bhopal

(7) Ahmedabad-Viramgam

(8) Ernakulam-Quilon

(9) Ernakulam-Guruvayur

(10) Guntur-Repalle

(11) Guntur-Macherla

(12) Tenali-Vijayawada

(13) Barauni-Samastipur-Muzaffarpur-Gorakhpur

(14) Guwahati-New Bongaigaon

Quardupling of railway tracks by a Private company

1432. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that project work of quadrupling tracks between Borivli and Vihar has been given to a private Company;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this project has been sanctioned on the 'build, lease and transfer' basis;

(c) if so, what are the total expenses likely to be incurred for completion of this project;

(d) what is the total investment by the concerned Company and also the completion period of the project; and

(e) what is the lease period and lease amount which would be given by the Railways to the concerned company?

THE MININSTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Extension of fifth rail line from Mumbai to Kalyan

1433. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the spreading of 5th line from Mumbai to Kalyan has been under Government's consideration;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the 5th line had been spread from Mumbai to Ghatkopar, long ago;

(c) if so, by when the spreading of 5th line from Mumbai to Kalyan will be completed; and

(d) whether there is any target to complete the same?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

STD|ISD|PCO|FAX booths to handicapped persons at Railway stations

1434. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the declared Government policy, the allotment of space for installation of STD|ISD|PCO|FAX booths at Railway stations is reserved exclusively for handicapped persons;

(b) if so, what are the guidelines in this regard; and

(c) what are the names of stations where this facility have been provided in each Zonal Railways?

THE MININSTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) As per the extant instructions, space for installation of STD|ISD|PCO booths at the railway stations is given to physically handicapped persons having handicap of 40 per cent above. Amongst handicapped persons preference is given to educated persons and belonging to SC/ST and weaker sections.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Commercial use of surplus railway land

1435. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have any proposal to raise additiona funds through commercial use of its surplus land; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) The Railways do not have surplus land. Proposal to raise additional funds for developments, by commercial use of the airspace over railway property, is still under consideration of the Government.

Unmanned railway crossings

1436. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of dangerous unmanned railway crossings in the country; and